

REMARKS

In the Examiner's Action, the Examiner has restricted the claims of the application as follows:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a method for production of gas comprising methane; and;
- II. Claims 16-23, drawn to a method for production of coke or purified carbon product.

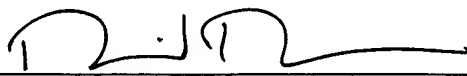
The Examiner states that the inventions of Groups I and II are related as process of making and product made.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-15. Applicants have therefore cancelled Claims 16-23. However, Applicants reserve the right to pursue Claims 16-23 in one or more subsequent divisional or continuation applications.

It is not believed that any additional fees are owed with respect to this response, however, any such additional fees can be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Respectfully submitted,

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